



# Penn State

## Commission for Adult Learners

### General Meeting Notes

**Date:** Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021

**Time:** 10:00am on Zoom

In Attendance

Approval of Minutes

June minutes Annie approved, Antone second, with changes in misspelled names.

New Business

- Under Grad AL Profile 2021, Outreach Analytics & Reporting – Julie Cross
  - Kick off report presentation
  - 18.6 Adult Learners – All Campuses (average 18-20%)
  - New Adult Learner Profiles Dashboard
  - Slides will be shared
- PA Populations Trends – Sue Copella/PS Harrisburg
  - PA State Data Center (PaSDC)
  - 2020 Census
  - Questions and discussions related to presentations

Committee Reports

Committee:

- Eugene & Antone Co Chairs – will post the Ppt with the summary of the survey. Main CAL page under files. We hope to move forward to the focus groups that will come out of the survey. Over 400 respondents wanted to be involved in the focus group.
- Hendrick: Chuck Greggs. Co-Chair. They are thinking of first week in May so looking for potential conflicts. May be May 9, 10 or 11. Penn Stater is starting to fill, so we need to book this very soon to accommodate a hybrid model. Looking for Co-Chair and volunteers.

- SPEC: Rene & Michele Rice Last year looked at the persistence and retention. This year the focus is shifting to engagement. Will use the survey as a starting point.
- ALEC: Gina & met shortly, they were on the committee last year and continue the mission. Engaging adults, what does that mean and why and how is it different? Kelly directed them to the survey as a launching point.

## Announcements

- We will remain in Zoom this year with Covid and ability to have more attend. We will stay informed of changes as we move along this year.
- We have a Teams space for this group. Each Committee has a space and can work there. We will post minutes, slides, etc. to consolidate our information. Stephanie had moved some of the older files in to the Teams as well. We continue to automate. Set up your channel to all activities. Ann Taylor.
- Email still for CAL. When announcing, continue to use that email address.
- Thank you to Brian Redmond to leading us through the last challenging year.
- Brian Redmond thanked the team.
- Brian met with sponsors and gave updates. Meeting went well. Board is supportive and were happy with the conference and the dashboard. We suggested they think about an “Office” for Adult Learners to have an action arm of CAL. Still to be determined, but hopeful. They are very interested in the final data for the AL survey Antone & Eugene conducted last year.
- We need to continue to document our committee work to share information.
- Looking to expand membership this year.
- Clayton Steen. We are getting more traction on how we can make this a steady organization and how it can impact our students. Sharing data and information with our leadership is important. We must not continue to ignore this population. He is here to serve and support.
- Ann Taylor: Senate policies/reports that passed that are of interest:
  - New Pass/Fail policy to provide more flexibility. Link in Teams.
  - Policies that pose risk to equity of at-risk populations. For example holds and degree planning tools that include more advisors.